



HOLLISTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

Police Arrest Two Suspects after Report of Brandishing a Firearm at Local Bar



Randy Garcia



Jose Gutierrez

HOLLISTER, CALIFORNIA – *October 9, 2009* – On October 9, 2009 the Hollister Police Department received a report of a man brandishing a handgun at the Whiskey Creek Bar. Police arrived and located the suspect. After a brief struggle and the use of the TASER device, the suspect was arrested and an imitation firearm was recovered. A second man was also arrested for attempting to interfere with the first man's arrest.

At about 1:15 a.m. Hollister Police officers were dispatched to the bar at 210 Fifth Street. When officers arrived on scene they noticed a suspect matching the description standing near the front door of the establishment. Police approached the man, who quickly fled into the bar while holding something in his waistband. Officers chased the suspect, who briefly barricaded himself in the restroom. The man attempted to escape through a window, but was unable to get out.

The suspect exited the bathroom and continued his attempts to escape from police. He ran behind the bar counter, but fell to the ground. He continued to resist and would not show his hands. He was still holding something in his waistband. Officers were forced to use the TASER to gain control of the man and take him into custody. An imitation firearm was recovered from the area where the suspect was arrested.

The suspect, Randy Lewis Garcia (19) from Washington State, was booked at the San Benito County Jail for delaying and obstructing police and brandishing a fictitious firearm. A second man, identified as Jose Guzman Gutierrez (42) from Hollister, was arrested when he attempted to interfere with police during the arrest of Garcia.

Anyone with information regarding this or other incidents is requested to contact the Hollister Police Department at 636-4330. Persons wishing to remain anonymous may call **WeTIP** at (800) **78-CRIME**.

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